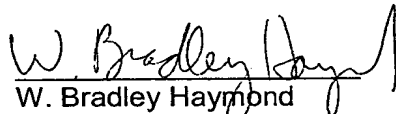


The Application and the Declaration are submitted to fulfill the requirements of the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application and to supplement the Petition to Accord the Application a Filing Date as of the Date of the Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1:182.

As an aid in considering the Amendment and the Petition, Applicant also submits a copy of the first page of the Request for a Continuing Application filed with the Divisional of the present application which shows that a Copy of the parent Application, 10/057,692, and a copy of the Declaration executed by the inventors in the parent Application, 10/057,692, were intended to be submitted but were inadvertently not attached to the Divisional Transmittal Package. This page also shows that there was at the time of filing of the Divisional a cross- reference to the related parent Application 10/057,692 and the language "incorporated by reference herein" associated with it.

This amendment should therefore obviate the objections given in the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application (37 CFR 1.53(b)). It should also provide the necessary information to supplement the Petition and make it grantable.

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